Stocking of Edible Oil by NDDB

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Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the NDDB holding huge stocks of edible oils in their godowns and not releasing the same in the market to contain the rising prices and to meet the gap between the demand and the supply;

(b) what was the purpose for which the NDDB was holding such a huge stock of edible oils;

(c) the steps taken by Government to check such hoardings detrimental to the public interest;

(d) whether the Government of Gujarat seized large stocks of edible oils from the NDDB; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) The NDDB is continuously marketing edible oil and stocks are maintained for continuity in sales of edible oil.

(c) In accordance with the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and the Pulses, Edible Oilseeds and Edible Oils (Storage Control) Order, 1977, the State Government/UT Administrations have been empowered to take stringent action against the hoarders/blackmarketeers.

(d) and (e) The Government of Gujarat seized 22,119 MT of edible oil stock from the godowns of NDDB located at Kandla. Rajkot, Jaguoan & Anand on 4th, 5th & 6th April, 1995. Under the Storage Control Order, as on date, the stock limits for the domestic oils was fixed at 7700 MT for NDDB and the stock of the imported vegetable palmolein oil were exempted from the purview of the Storage Control Order, 1977. The stock of 22,119 MT of edible oil of which 16.963 MT of imported palmolein and 5156 MT of domestic oil were within the stock limits imposed by the Govt.

Coal Mines in Eighth Five Year Plan

7587. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Coal mines whereing is likely to be undertaken durinng the Eighth Fiive Year Plan, Company-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to give new coal mines on lease to the private sector; and

(c) if so, the terms and conditions laid down for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Number of new projects sanctioned during 8th plan period and number of projects formulated